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## Highlights

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### LEADING THE NEWS

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#### EPA Has 90 Days to Decide on Pesticide Rule, Appeals Court Says

By Adam Allington and Emily C. Dooley

A federal appeals court has ordered the Environmental Protection Agency to come to a decision about whether to ban the use of chlorpyrifos on food.

#### Battery Storage Backers Energized by Prospect of New Tax Credit

By Dean Scott

Battery and other energy storage companies are seeing their best shot in years at getting an investment tax credit that would kick their industry and renewable energy into higher gear.

## **Westmoreland Gets OK for 71 Million Tons of Coal in Montana (1)**

By Stephen Lee

Montana regulators have approved a major expansion of an existing coal mine owned by Westmoreland Coal Co., extending the life of the Rosebud Mine by eight years.

## **AIR, WATER, AND WASTE**

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### **EPA Must Face Claims It Didn't Warn of Flint Water Health Risks**

By Daniel Seiden

The U.S. government isn't immune from a lawsuit accusing the EPA of failing to timely respond and warn residents of Flint, Mich., about health risks in its water supply, a federal court ruled.

## **CHEMICALS**

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### **States' View of Mercury Reporting Rule Flawed, EPA Tells Court**

By Pat Rizzuto

States mistakenly think a rule requiring manufacturers to report their mercury use to the EPA is intended to help reduce air and water contamination from the pollutant in their communities, the agency said in a court brief.

## **INSIGHT**

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### **INSIGHT: Cities Take Wall Street Bull By the Horn**

Philadelphia and Baltimore recently sued several banks, including JPMorgan Chase and Bank of America, alleging they cost local governments billions of dollars by colluding to fix prices on certain bonds issued to finance public works. Korein Tillery LLC attorneys explain how strategic and effective litigation can dramatically improve the fiscal situation of affected municipalities.

## **FROM THE STATES**

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### **Disposing of Old Solar Panels No Easy Feat in California**

By Emily C. Dooley

California ranks No. 1 when it comes to solar installations, with enough units to power nearly 6.4 million homes—but not forever.

### EPA Must Set Pollution Cap for Lake Erie, Lawsuit Says

By David Schultz

The EPA must set a hard cap on the amount of pollution flowing into Lake Erie from a broad swath of the lake's basin, a lawsuit filed in federal court argues.

### Montana Senate, in Surprise Move, Votes Against Coal Power Plant

By Stephen Lee and Sylvia Carignan

In a surprise move, Montana legislators shot down a bill that would have breathed new life into one of the biggest coal-fired power plants in the West.

### NYC Passes Climate Bill Targeting Trump Tower, Other Skyscrapers

By Henry Goldman and Christopher Martin

New York City passed sweeping legislation to curb energy demand from some of its most iconic skyscrapers, including Trump Tower.

## **AROUND THE GLOBE**

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### China's Far From Done With Coal as Regulator Eases New Plant Ban

By Bloomberg News

China allowed 11 provinces and regions to resume building coal power plants, in another sign that the world's largest energy user is far from finished with the most-polluting fossil fuel.

### China Bans Expansion in Hebei Province, Near Polluted Beijing

By Michael Standaert

China's Hebei province banned expansion of 11 industrial sectors in eight cities in an area already under air pollution restrictions due to its proximity to Beijing.

## South Korea to Offer Incentives for Easy-to-Recycle Plastics

By Kelly Kasulis

South Korea is working on a plan to give plastics makers incentives to make their products easier to recycle.

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